

8 June 1917

1917

Hogarth,
Friday.

Dearest,

It will be great fun if you -
Duncan will come next week
end - the 16th, it is, I think.
Want make an engagement for
Saturday night, & we will get
some one to din. Who would
you like to meet? We
don't go to Otto's until the end
of the month. I should like to
come to Charlotten very much -
perhaps in July, some time? -
only Julian must take my fish
off the hooks, & put my worms on.
I will do the rest. Tell him
he needn't write a thank for the
book - It was a very dull one
we happened to have, but I thought

(if he ever thought of doing so

the pictures might amuse him, & I know
Dad looks were rather impressive when one
was a brat. I hope his foot is
all right - It sounds too fearful -
the agitation of having those
limbs (of Satan) loose in the house.

NYPL
I must keep such scraps as I have
(very little, as I do nothing but print)
till we meet.

I have heard of a shop where you
can get wonderful coloured papers
We're half way through L's story -
it gets over so much quicker,
the fascination is something extreme.
y B.

21 June 1917

1917

Hogarth,

Wednesday.

Dearest,

I saw Katherine Mansfield last night, & asked her about the chance of getting reviewing - she thought it would be far best for Bannay to get work on the Daily News; as Desmond, the man who wrote on land & country things has been made prisoner. Mummy knows Lynd the editor; & if Bannay would write a specimen article on some country subject, & also explain what sort of work he wants, Mummy would weak show it to Lynd. She thinks he had better do this as soon as he can. I should send it to Mummy, Co. Katherine Mansfield,

141 A Church Street, Chelsea, S.W. 3.

Leonard will talk to Iqer when he sees him. K. seemed to think there was a good chance now for anyone who is a specialist about agriculture.

I haven't been able to see the C.O. yet, as he has had to keep a place open for her sister. The worst yet is that our domestics seem determined at last to settle in for ever; but our books are so high, & the difficulty of Arkham so great, that I think ~~anyhow~~ I must change. If the C.O. says she can't come, I shall go straight to Mary H. I shall make it plain to the C.O. that

I can't do a stroke myself -
What about coming to you for 2 nights at the beginning of August & going on to Arkham? But perhaps

you will be full up.

We have just got a handsome man back on our income tax, which we mean to spend on a prep (I used hardly say) which will print 8 pages at a time, & then we shall be very professional. I had an odd talk with K. Mansfield last night. She seems to have gone every sort of hog since she was 17, which is interesting; I also think she has a much better idea of writing than most. She's an odd character - admired what she could see of you, of course. L. says the dinner was rather better than usual last night. Desmond made a very good speech; & rang us up at 8.30 this morning to ask if he could come round at once with Moore & spend the day. It's now 12.30; & I think they're just arrived, so I must take a bath. It was a pleasant night to see my dolphin disporting, & the lovely creature asleep in bed that morning was almost irresistible.

Yr B.

Is there any chance that you'll come again?
I'll remember I like my necklace very much.

Hamilton 12/29/69

If you would prefer it, I could send you sugar every week instead of waiting.

Hogarth House,
Paradise Road,
Richmond.

Monday.

226 June 1917

Dearest,

This must be a dull domestic letter -
First a million thanks for the potatoes &
Greens. We shall live upon them, & they
have far more potato in them than shop ones -
But you mustn't be so generous.
I am sending back the hamper today.
We were able to get you 2 lbs. of
icing sugar, which I am sending.
Don't think we can get more than 1 lb.
a week for you regularly - in fact they
may put an end to this, but I will
get it & hoard it, unless you think it
too expensive - 9d. a lb.

I have had a long talk with Nelly, &
she agrees that they will never like
Asheham, & so had better go. I then
told her about Mary H: & drew the
most inviting picture I could of
the place, but she said she did not wish

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in a hole. Evidently there is a secret society among
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give her warning & she didn't seem at all surprised when
I told her that Ethel wanted to come. You had better
put this letter down the w.c. - That is the only safe
method, we find. I saw Lytton the other night. He!
says that Charleston runs Arnhem close - damn him!
I think he wants to spend August between the two
of us. Carrington is doing us some woodcuts for our
pamphlet. But maybe not done yet. Are you coming
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29th June
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uncomfortable, & they won't believe
that I really thought they wouldn't come
& will have it that I've been scheming
to send them off. Mary H: says that there

Meanwhile, Mary H: says that there
are certain things she would like me to
know before engaging ^{NYPL} her domestics — wh.
sounds rather mysterious. I am to see
her on Tuesday, & then I hope it will
be settled. The worst of it is that

Lottie wd. evidently stay on at
Arnhem, if it weren't for Nelly, & if
seems a pity to lose her — but Nelly
makes things too difficult with her boredom
at Arnhem.

We put off going to Ottoline last week
and because I had rather a headache & now
I hear from Philip that she's got measles.
It's been extremely sensible, & I'm all right
again. It's possible that we shall come
down to Arnhem next Friday till Tuesday,
but I will tell you if we do.

I don't think Mary H's difficulties arise from
a lack of virginity, but from her temper —
Anglo-Irish I did say, but to persuade N. & L. to
& they were quite resolute, partly owing to
her account of her dealings with
Minnie & Ethel,

1912

Arheham,

Saturday,

Dearest,

We hope you may come to tea
& stay to dinner tomorrow. If you
don't, I will try to come to
tea & stay dinner & go home
early on Monday - but I
don't know whether I shall be
able to.

I want to hear about Chapman,
~~etc~~ also, why can't I have your
pictures?

I can't get over the perfection of
River House.

Y- V.W.

L. thinks it too far for me to bicycle, wh. is
absurd, but I can't very well do it if it
makes him in a state. I ~~think~~ think
it's quite unreasonable. I shall do my best
if you don't come.